

REMARKS

The Examiner is requiring restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a single disclosed species between: Species I, claims 31-40; and Species II, claims 41-50. Applicant hereby elects Species I, claims 31-40, and requests prosecution on the merits for claims 31-40.

Claims 41-50 are cancelled. Claims 31-40 are pending.

Further, Applicant herewith submits a duplicate copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 filed in this application on July 23, 2003. No initialed copy of the PTO-1449 has been received back from the Examiner. To the extent that the submitted references listed on the Form PTO-1449 have not already been considered, and the Form PTO-1449 has not been initialed with a copy being returned to Applicant, such examination and initialing are requested at this time, as well as return of a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 to the undersigned.

This application is now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview prior to issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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